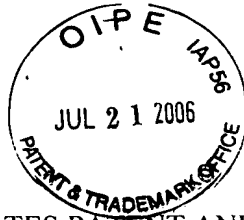


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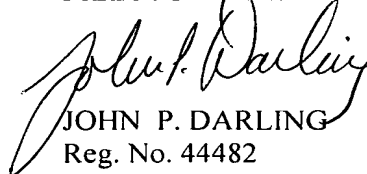
Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge receipt of the Notice of Allowability, Notice of Allowance, and Issue Fee dated June 14, 2006.

However, Applicants have not yet received acknowledgement of the PTO-1449 (copy attached) that was filed with the above patent application on November 18, 2005, and June 26, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the PTO-1449 forms by signing, dating, and returning (to the undersigned) the enclosed copy of the PTO-1449 forms filed on November 18, 2005, and June 26, 2006. A copy of the PTO-1449 forms are attached, along with the previous request and receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Consideration of the references listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 are respectfully requested.

The listed references were first cited in the corresponding Norwegian application. A copy of the Norwegian Office Action, dated August 26, 2005, which is not more than three months ago, is enclosed. As a non-final Office Action was issued November 8, 2005, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due.

It is respectfully noted that JP 9-319904, JP 9-128572, JP8-96181, JP 8-7131, JP 9-7011, JP 8-185550, and JP 8-293049, cited in the Norwegian Office Action are not listed and enclosed as they were submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Application July 21, 2000. The Examiner considered these references in a miscellaneous Office Correspondence dated May 15, 2003.

Norwegian (NO) Patent 20003227 is not listed as its equivalent, EP 1 042 738 B1, which is in English, is listed and enclosed.

Norwegian Patent 309958 and its equivalent EP 0 691 013 B1 are not listed as their equivalent, U.S. Patent 5,721,678, was submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 12, 2001 and considered by the Examiner in the October 18, 2002 Office Action.

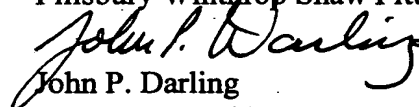
Norwegian Patent 318307 and its equivalent, EP 0 750 828 B1, are not listed as their equivalent, U.S. Patent 5,933,114 is listed instead. As the above-identified application was filed prior to June 30, 2003, a copy of U.S. Patent 5,933,114 is enclosed.

EP 0 701 723 A1, listed in the Norwegian Office Action, is enclosed. It is respectfully noted that EP 0 701 723 A1 is equivalent to U.S. Patents 6,109,525, 5,859,415, 5,796,084, and 5,757,286, which are not listed and enclosed as it is respectfully submitted that they are readily available to the Examiner.

Consideration of the references is respectfully requested. The Examiner is also respectfully requested to initial each reference, sign and date the PTO-1449 and return a copy of such with the next Office Action per MPEP § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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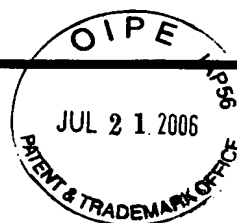
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants to indicate that the reference(s) has been considered, per MPEP § 609.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance. The undersigned certifies that no individuals designated by § 1.56(c) has been aware of the references cited herein for more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. See § 1.97(e)(2). The undersigned also authorizes the charging of Deposit Account No. 03-3975 in the amount of \$180.00 in accordance with § 1.17(p).

Respectfully Submitted,

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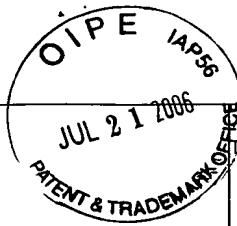
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